GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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COMMERCIALISATION OF EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes undertaken by the Government to prevent commercialisation of education;

(b) the details of guidelines/directions issued to the State Governments in this regard; and

(c) the extent to which the efforts made by the Government have proved successful?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c): As per the UGC Act, 1956, the Commission has been empowered to take steps to ensure that no candidate secures admission to any course of study by reason of economic power and thereby prevents a more meritorious candidate from securing admission to such course of study. The UGC Act provides that no college shall accept, whether directly or indirectly, any payment otherwise than by way of fees; or any donation of gift (whether in cash or kind), from, or in relation to, any student in connection with his admission to, and prosecution of, any course of study. According to the information furnished by the UGC, the State Governments have constituted Committee for regulating admission and fee structure in respect of the private and self financed colleges located in their respective jurisdiction.

All India Council for Technical Education have also formulated regulations for the purpose of charging of fee by technical institutions. As per these regulations State level fee committee have been constituted by the concerned State Governments which will prescribe fee to be charged by technical institutions and also monitor the implementation.